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SUBJ: EKOFISK FIELD OIL SPILL--PROVISIONAL REPORTS

REF: A. STATE 183564 (NOTAL) B. OSLO 3443 (NOTAL)

1. ELECTIONS IN NORWAY TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12 AND IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE INVESTIGATION COMMISSION REPORT ON THE EKOFISK BLOWOUT WILL BE PRESENTED BEFORE THEM. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THE APPEARANCE OF THE REPORT BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

2. THE COMMISSION HAS JUST NOW COMPLETED ITS PRELIMINARY DRAFT, WHICH STILL LACKS CERTAIN INPUTS FROM TECHNICAL EXPERTS. THE COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE NOT PREDICTING WHEN THE REPORT WILL BE FINALIZED, AND ARE ALSO CAUTIOUSLY
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AVOIDING ANY MENTION OF THE NATURE OF THE FINAL PRODUCT.

3. UP UNTIL NOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESSURE TO SPEED UP THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. NEITHER PUBLIC OPINION NOR POLITICIANS ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING ANY ASPECT OF THE EKOFISK INCIDENT AND ELECTION ISSUE. AS THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN ENTERS ITS FINAL WEEKS THERE COULD, OF COURSE,

BE INCREASED ATTENTION PLACED ON THE BLOWOUT, THE COMMISSION REPORT, AND THE TIMING OF ITS RELEASE. RECENT OPINION POLLS, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT THE VOTERS DO NOT PLACE BLAME FOR THE INCIDENT ON THE GOVERNING LABOR PARTY(WHICH, OF COURSE, HAS NOTHING TO GAIN BY RAISING EKOFISK), AND IF THE VOTERS DO NOT BLAME THE GOVERNMENT, EKOFISK SEEMS AN UNLIKELY ISSUE FOR THE OPPOSITION TO RAISE. LERNER

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